

TOWN/COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

January 25, 2006

**A MEETING OF THE TOWN/COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE WAS HELD
JANUARY 25, 2006, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE
ROOM OF THE WARREN GREEN BUILDING**

In Attendance: Harry Atherton, Vice-Chairman and Marshall District
Representative, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
Richard Robison, Center District Representative, Fauquier County
Board of Supervisors
Paul McCulla, Fauquier County Administrator
George Fitch, Mayor, Town of Warrenton
Birge Watkins, At Large Representative, Warrenton Town Council
Ken McLawhon, Warrenton Town Manager
Bo Tucker, Town of Warrenton Public Utilities Department

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Birge Watkins at 4:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes for November 9, 2005:

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the November 9, 2005, meeting.

3. Discussion Items:

- a. Arrington Property – Update from Town:** Mayor Fitch updated members on the Town's negotiations with Centex regarding the potential boundary adjustment of a portion of Arrington Farm into the Town boundary and the subsequent development of that property. Supervisor Atherton indicated that he had also been speaking with representatives of Centex on the matter and that he would request that the Board of Supervisors hold a work session at its February 2 meeting so that Board members might be briefed on the proposal. Once the Board has been briefed, Supervisor Atherton indicated he would inform the Town of the Board's position on the matter. Supervisor Robison indicated that because there was no way for the applicant to guarantee that the project would not produce school seats, he was not in favor of the project.

- b. Warrenton Heritage Days:** – Paula Johnson, representing the Warrenton Heritage Days Committee, briefed the members on plans for this year's Warrenton Heritage Days event. Paul McCulla indicated that he had obtained from the County Economic Development Department a marketing plan for the promotion of Heritage Days, and that he would forward a copy of that plan to Committee members.
- c. Provision of Sewer to Raymond Farm:** The County had previously requested that the Town reconsider its decision to deny sewer services to Raymond Farm. After discussion, it appears that the Town has not changed its position on this matter.
- d. Residential Water/Sewer Rates Outside of Town Limits:** Bo Tucker, Head of the Town's Public Utilities Department, briefed the Committee on cost concerns expressed by County residents who receive Town water services. Mr. Tucker indicated that most of the concerns expressed recently were by residents of Warrenton Woods Subdivision. A review of the bills for properties within that subdivision indicated that while the average Town residence uses 5,000 gallons per month, residences within that subdivision were using between 9,000 and 15,000 gallons per month. It is, therefore, relatively apparent that the costs experienced by the homeowners in that subdivision are a function of the owners' use of additional water for watering grass and other aesthetic purposes.
- e. Public Utilities to Serve County Facilities Adjacent to Town Limits:** Supervisor Atherton raised the issue of the Town considering the potential extension of water and sewer from its present location at the Community College to adjacent property should the County purchase that property and zone it for non-residential use. While the Town Committee members indicated willingness to consider the issue, Bo Tucker suggested that the County may wish to do a comparative analysis on the cost to extend those utilities vs. the cost of a drainfield or package plan. It was thought that an alternative system may be cheaper than extending water and sewer given the necessity to upgrade water and sewer lines and pumping stations.
- f. Three Way Stop at Lee and Ashby Streets:** Supervisor Atherton requested that the Town considering installing a three or four-way stop sign at Lee and Ashby Streets. It is felt that the increasing traffic in that area presents a danger to pedestrian traffic crossing at that location. Town Committee members indicated that the matter would be referred to the Council's Transportation Safety Committee for review. Committee members also discussed and agreed to forward to the Council's Transportation Safety Committee a suggestion for installation of a bulls-eye mirror at the intersection of Lee and Marshall Streets so that persons seeking to turn onto Lee Street from Marshall would be able to see around the large stone wall which blocks the view of oncoming traffic.

- g. Highland School Boundary/Annexation Request:** Committee members agreed that the boundary adjustment is acceptable to all Committee members provided that the property is zoned public/semi-public as it comes into Town limits. Councilman Watkins indicated that Highland is in agreement with the rezoning to public/semi-public and that he would contact the Principal of Highland School to begin the process.
- h. Town Sports Fields:** The Mayor indicated that the Town has been in discussion with the Youth Sports Council and other private entities regarding the issue of operation and maintenance of the Town's new sports complex.
- i. County Review of Tipping Fees for Towns in the County:** Supervisor Atherton distributed copies of the work session agenda materials for the Board of Supervisors' February 2 meeting related to the Board's reconsideration of the exemption of the Towns of Warrenton, Remington and The Plains from the County landfill tipping fee. Supervisor Atherton indicated that when the exemption was adopted, it was based upon additional revenue being received by the County as a result of its operation of a construction and demolition debris landfill. Supervisor Atherton indicated that the construction and demolition debris landfill will be closing in the near future and, therefore, the money received in lieu of charging tipping fees to Towns would soon cease to exist. Supervisor Atherton suggested that members of the Town Council or Town Administration may wish to attend the Board of Supervisors' work session on this matter.
- j. Regional Water Supply Plan Guidance:** The Mayor indicated that the Town would determine at its next meeting on February 22, 2006, if it wishes to partner with the County in the creation of a Regional Water Supply Plan.
- k. Parking Structure and Plans:** County Administrator Paul McCulla briefed Committee members on the County's on-going review of its space needs and the potential for a parking structure in the Town of Warrenton. He indicated that the nature and type of parking structure would be dependent upon the facilities planned or constructed by the County upon more review and study. He noted that this is an on-going matter and the Committee would be informed once he has received direction from the Board of Supervisors regarding the location of County facilities in the downtown area.

5. Roundtable:

No Roundtable items were presented at this meeting.

6. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.